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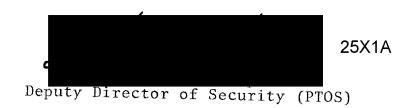
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Publication of Employee Bulletin The Hazard of Energy-Absorbing

Bumper System

1. It is requested that your office initiate the appropriate action to have the attached draft employee bulletin published.

2. Any questions concerning the draft bulletin may be referred to the Safety Branch on extension 3611.



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EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

No.

THE HAZARD OF ENERGY-ABSORBING BUMPER SYSTEM

Under the provisions of Federal Motor Vehicle Standard No 215, all 1974 vehicles are required to have "energy-absorbing bumpers."

When involved in a collision, this bumper system can be extremely hazardous to personnel unless safety precautions are observed. Some of these bumpers are spring-loaded and after impact may release with extreme force. There have been several reported instances of serious injury to patrolmen attempting to separate vehicles.

As a safety precaution, persons should not attempt to separate such vehicles which have locked bumpers or to repair a compressed energy-absorbing system. The services of an automobile mechanic should be sought.

An additional hazard exists when vehicles with such bumpers are involved in accidents and catch on fire. The oil in the shock absorber system, when heated, may expand rapidly causing an explosion.

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